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Unified Command Site Bulletin: Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident Response – Update 7/11/16

MAYWOOD, CALIF. – The Unified Command for the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident in Maywood, Los Angeles County, Calif., has completed residential response and cleanup operations. All necessary cleanup in the residential and public areas has been completed, and all relocated residents have moved back into their homes as of July 11, 2016. In the aftermath of the fire that began on June 14, 2016, Unified Command assessed conditions and cleaned public property and homes in affected areas.

While cleanup work on the fire impacted facilities has not been completed, stabilization measures to protect the community from ash and debris have been undertaken. These measures include: the creation of a buffer zone between the burned debris and the residential yards, installation of a fence with fabric to shield the surrounding community and application of a sealant and fabric over the burned area to prevent ash migration. Work on the facility will proceed after consultation with the facility owner and once a work plan has been approved. Some equipment may remain in the area in the interim.

The local Community Information Center for residents affected by the fire will remain open through at least July 13 for those who have questions on health concerns, incident background, and the cleanup of homes. Experts will be available to answer questions regarding the incident.

With the situation now stable and residents returned to their homes, the Unified Command has been deactivated. The Unified Command was comprised of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD).